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**New Biotechnology Legal, Commercialization Firm to
Focus on Needs of Life Sciences Industry**

ST. LOUIS (November 29, 2006) – Three prominent life science attorneys announced today the formation of Biotactica LLC, a law firm that will provide legal services to the burgeoning life sciences industry. The firm will assist its clients in accelerating biotechnology and life science innovations from discovery to market by integrating legal practices including intellectual property protection, licensing, regulation, funding and marketing. In doing so, Biotactica partners its clients with contract research organizations, venture capitalists, strategic consultants and other commercial entities.

Biotactica was founded by Kevin Buckley, Tara Nealey and Saul Zackson. These founding attorneys have comprehensive experience in counseling clients on cutting-edge life science matters. They focus on medical therapies including vaccines and stem cells; diagnostics including microarrays, pharmacogenomics, and RNA interference; pharmaceuticals; nanotechnology, veterinary technology, agriculture biotechnology and bioenergy technologies. They have worked with a broad range of clients, from individual scientists and startups, to universities, private research institutes and Fortune 500 corporations.

“Our firm is among the first of its kind anywhere,” said Kevin Buckley, Biotactica’s President. “We are focused on serving the unique needs of the life science industry. Of course, one of those needs is financial – and we’re set up to offer innovative, alternative fee structures to our clients including equity based and contingency models.”

For more information about Biotactica, please visit www.biotactica.com.

ABOUT THE PRINCIPALS

Kevin Buckley

Prior to becoming a patent attorney, Buckley was a biochemist in both academia and in industry. He received his B.S. in Biochemistry/Chemistry from the University of California, San Diego where he was a Research Scholar. He received his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law where he was the Editor-in-Chief of *The Pittsburgh Journal of Technology Law and Policy*. Buckley comes to Biotactica from Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP. In 2005, he was named one of the St. Louis Business Journal's 40 Under Forty, an annual award for becoming "a mover and shaker both in business and the St. Louis community." In 2006, Buckley was selected to *Who's Who in America*.

Tara Nealey

Dr. Nealey is a patent attorney with experience as a research scientist in the field of neurophysiology. Her graduate work included research on microvascular systems, ion channel physiology, anatomical tracing and micro imaging techniques, and she is published in leading peer-reviewed publications such as *Nature*, *Journal of Neuroscience* and the *Journal of Membrane Biology*. Dr. Nealey has an A.B. in Biomedical Ethics from Brown University and a Ph.D. in Physiology from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. She was a post-doctoral research fellow at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University under a National Research Service Award. She earned her law degree from St. Louis University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, where she was a member of the St. Louis University Law Journal, member of Order of

the Woolsack and was selected for membership in the Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society. Dr. Nealey comes to Biotactica from Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP.

Saul Zackson

Dr. Zackson is a patent attorney who brings to Biotactica his wide-ranging experience with life science technologies, including molecular cloning, development of monoclonal antibodies, imaging technologies and production and use of transgenic animals. Dr. Zackson has published in leading academic journals including *Science*, *Cell*, and *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. After graduating with honors from Yale as a biochemistry major, Dr. Zackson attended Cambridge University for one year as a Churchill Scholar. Dr. Zackson then obtained his Ph.D. in Molecular Biology at the University of California at Berkeley. He conducted postdoctoral research at Princeton University and the Roche Institute of Molecular Biology before joining the faculty at the University of Calgary, in Alberta Canada. He then obtained his law degree from the Franklin Pierce Law Center. Dr. Zackson has counseled several universities and corporations on intellectual property matters, and comes to Biotactica from Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP.

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